

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
22 November 2021

Held at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton, BS49 4HS.

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson and Robert Jenner.

In attendance: Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP41/21: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors David Crossman, Wendy Griggs, Massimo Morelli and the Parish Assistant Grounds Person & Gardener.

AAP42/21: To receive Councillors' declarations of interests and consider any written applications for dispensations (the Committee may only grant a dispensation to enable a member to speak in public participation).

NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP43/21: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP44/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP45/21: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:

'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item(s) ... on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest [by reason of the confidential nature of the business] or [for other special reason which must be stated].'

****NOT REQUIRED.**

AAP46/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.

The Clerk advised of the following updates from the grounds staff who had given apologies for absence.

- The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom 'Your Neighbourhood' category had awarded Glebelands and the Orchard a Level 5 outstanding in the competition. The RHS wished to present the award at a time to be arranged.
- The winter project work had begun apart from at North End allotments i.e. bulb planting at Hangstones and the new meadow areas there and at the Orchard and the new hedging for the Orchard would be ordered shortly.
- There was plenty of winter work other than the projects.
- The battery lights from the Claverham Christmas tree were to be returned and a new place to use them found; perhaps Glebelands.
- Unfortunately the Assistant Grounds Person had received verbal abuse whilst closing the road on Remembrance Sunday.

The Committee thanked the grounds staff for all their hard work and congratulated them on achieving the award from the RHS, it was a true reflection of the quality of their work. They were also very sorry to hear about the verbal abuse and hoped it had not caused too much distress.

AAP47/21 To consider the next steps to create a species labelled tree trail.

Further to discussion the Committee were pleased to encourage the interest expressed by the Scouts in this project and also to include the schools if they would like to be involved. The tree labels were to be finally sourced so a price was available and they were to include the tree variety expressed by the common and Latin name, the date of planting if possible and a QR code that would give more details about the variety of tree. It was thought that the schools and scouts could join in with the QR element of the project.

AAP48/21: To consider a quote for the replacement of the vandalized wooden posts at Cherry Grove.

RESOLVED: to approve the work on the basis of 11 posts being replaced in wood (£120 per post including install and materials). Total £1,320.

Posts to be painted with wood preserve and stain to match the old and new posts.

AAP49/21: To progress the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration ideas including the Queen's Green Canopy trees and possible sites where they could be used.

Further to discussion the Committee wished to progress a list of trees and locations suitable for commemorative trees some of which had been offered as a part of the Queen's Green Canopy – Platinum Jubilee tree planting scheme. The benches on the village green needed replacing and this was viewed as a very suitable place to install new benches and make them commemorate the Platinum Jubilee by engraved plaques.

AAP50/21: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 10).

i) The Clerk advised she was making provision in the budget for the following in 2022-23.

- Replace the basket swing at Hangstones £4,000
- Replace the village green benches £1,000 – Platinum Jubilee commemorated.
- Mark out the basketball surface – cost to be advised.
- New tables in Hangstones Pavilion.
- New Tree Maintenance Budget.

ii) A meeting was to be held 24th November with Wicksteed regarding their pricing of the new roundabout at Broadcroft.

AAP51/21: Future agenda items.

A new brass commemorative plaque for fallen of wars since WW2.

Play Areas Working Group Report.

Hangstones Alterations Working Group Report.

New Allotments Working Group Report.

Christmas Lights Working Group Report including North End Christmas Tree and additional lighting locations.

Parish Finger Posts.

To species label Parish trees.

To create a tree trail.

Bat boxes on Hangstones.

Chairman

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